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In re Applicant : Beatrice GAUGLER et al.
Serial No. : 09/583,848
Filed : May 31, 2000
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CODING FOR TUMOR REJECTION ANTIGEN
PRECURSOR MAGE-6 AND USES THEREOF
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LETTER

With respect to the above referenced matter, one of the issues raised by the examiner was whether SEQ ID NO: 18 encoded a tumor rejection antigen.

To this end, attached hereto are copies of the front page and claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,405,940, which teaches both a tumor rejection antigen produced by MAGE-6, and the nucleotide sequence which encodes this.

The coding sequence is present in SEQ ID NO: 18. Attached is a marked copy of SEQ ID NO: 18 which shows this.

Also attached hereto are copies of the allowed claims in Serial No. 09/579,197. This application will issue shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

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